# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Availability of Water for Agriculture
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of deficit rainfall resulting in drought conditions, lower water storage and inadequate availability of water for agriculture in the country over the last two
years and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to carry out survey on agricultural area in the country which is dependent on rain-fed irrigation as well as irrigated by ground/surface water sources such as wells, tube-wells, canals and tanks; and

(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof, along with the funds allocated and utilised for the purpose, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): During the year 2014-15, 5 States and during 2015-16, 11 States submitted memoranda seeking financial assistance from National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) for drought. Government of India considered the Memoranda and approved assistance from NDRF. Details of the funds approved from NDRF State-wise are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of agricultural land, area irrigated by canals, tanks, tube-wells, other wells and other sources, as also the net irrigated area and net un-irrigated area, during 2012-13 and 2013-14, are indicated in the statement at Annexure-II. State-wise details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred under Improvement of Agriculture Statistics Scheme during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are at Annexure-III.